

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus comprising:

an image pickup ~~device~~ unit;

a recording ~~device~~ unit that records on the recording medium image data photographed by said image pickup ~~device~~ unit;

a display ~~device~~ unit that displays the image data recorded ~~by said recording device~~ on the recording medium;

an assigning unit that assigns to the image data, unique apparatus information for identifying said image pickup apparatus and image identifying information for managing in said image pickup apparatus the image data recorded on the recording medium;

a communication ~~device~~ unit that is connectable to another ~~a plurality of~~ image pickup ~~apparatuses~~ apparatus, for transmitting the image data recorded on the recording medium to said another image pickup apparatus and receiving ~~the recorded~~ image data with a ~~predetermined unique information for identifying the~~ from said another image pickup apparatus; ~~which records the recorded image data;~~ and

a modifying unit that modifies image identifying information added on the image data received from said another image pickup apparatus by said communication unit and generates modified image identifying information for managing the received image data in said image pickup apparatus; and

a control ~~device unit~~ that ~~manages~~ provides control to cause said display device to display the image data recorded on the recording medium by said recording unit and the image data received by said communication device from respective ones of the plurality of ~~from said another image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by said recording device on a common window in a display screen on said display device~~ apparatus by said communication unit according to the unique apparatus information, the image identifying information and the modified image identifying information,

wherein said control ~~device unit~~ provides control to cause ~~controls~~ said display device unit to display ~~on the common window~~ the image data recorded by said recording unit and the image data received by said communication device unit from ~~respective ones of the plurality of~~ said another image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by said recording device in different display configuration, respectively, ~~according to the predetermined unique information, in a manner~~ in such a manner that the image data received by said communication ~~device unit~~ from ~~respective ones of the plurality of~~ the image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by said recording ~~device unit~~ can be distinguished from one another.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control ~~device unit~~ provides control to cause said display ~~device unit~~ to display ~~on the common window~~ the image data received by said communication ~~device unit~~ from ~~respective ones of the plurality of~~ said another image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by said recording ~~device unit~~, with frames of respective different colors added thereto.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control ~~device~~ unit provides control to cause said display ~~device~~ unit to display ~~on the common window~~ the image data received by said communication ~~device~~ unit from ~~respective ones of the plurality of~~ said another image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by said recording ~~device~~ unit, with icons different from each other added thereto.

Claims 4-5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 1, ~~comprising an image number allotting device that allots~~ wherein said assigning unit assigns an image number for identifying image data to each of the photographed image data.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control ~~device~~ unit is operable when image data is received by said communication ~~device~~ unit after the image number has been ~~allotted~~ assigned to the photographed image data by said ~~image number allotting device~~ assigning unit, to provide control to cause said ~~image number allotting device~~ assigning unit to ~~allot~~ assign an image number different from the image number ~~allotted~~ assigned to the photographed image data to the received image data and then record the received image data ~~in said recording device~~ on the recording medium.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control ~~device~~ unit is operable when a photographic operation is carried out to produce image data after the image number has been ~~allotted~~ assigned to the image data received by

said communication device by said ~~image number allotting device~~ assigning unit, to provide control to cause said ~~image number allotting device~~ assigning unit to ~~allot~~ assign an image number different from the image number ~~allotted~~ assigned to the image data recorded by said recording ~~device unit~~ to the image data produced by the photographic operation and then record the photographed image data in said recording ~~device unit~~.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control ~~device unit~~ provides control such that a new image number ~~allotted~~ assigned to the received image data by said ~~image number allotting device~~ assigning unit is incorporated as part of a file name of the received image data and the received image data is recorded in said recording ~~device unit~~.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control ~~device unit~~ is operable when a same image number has been ~~allotted~~ assigned to the received image data and the recorded image data, to provide control to compare at least one of respective photographed times, data sizes, and image data contents of the received image data and the recorded image data.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): A method of causing an image pickup apparatus to display image data, the image pickup apparatus including an image pickup ~~device unit~~, a recording ~~device unit~~ that records on the recording medium image data photographed by ~~the said image pickup device unit~~, a display ~~device unit~~ that displays the image data recorded by ~~the recording device~~ on the recording medium, a communication ~~device unit~~ that is connectable

to a plurality of another image pickup apparatuses apparatus, for transmitting the image data recorded on the recording medium to said another image pickup apparatus and receiving the recorded image data with a predetermined unique information for identifying the from said another image pickup apparatus which records the recorded image data, the method comprising:

an assigning step of assigning to the image data, unique apparatus information for identifying said image pickup apparatus and image identifying information for managing in said image pickup apparatus the image data recorded on the recording medium;

a modifying step of modifying an image identifying information added on the image data received from said another image pickup apparatus by said communication unit and generating modified image identifying information for managing the received image data in said image pickup apparatus; and

a control step of managing providing control to cause the display device to display the image data recorded on the recording medium by said recording unit and the image data received from said another image pickup apparatus by the communication device unit from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device on a common window in a display screen of the display device according to the unique apparatus information, the image identifying information and the modified image identifying information,

wherein said control step comprises providing control to cause controls said display device unit to display on the common window the image data recorded by said recording unit and the image data received by said communication device unit from respective ones of the plurality of said another image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by

~~said recording device~~ in different display configuration, respectively, ~~according to the predetermined unique information, in a manner in~~ such a manner that the image data received by the communication device unit from ~~respective ones of the plurality of the~~ image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by the recording device unit can be distinguished from one another.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, wherein said control step ~~comprises providing~~ provides control to cause the display device unit to display ~~on the common window~~ the image data received by the communication device unit from ~~respective ones of the plurality of~~ said another image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by the recording device unit, with frames of respective different colors added thereto.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, wherein said control step ~~comprises providing~~ provides control to cause the display device unit to display ~~on the common window~~ the image data received by the communication device unit from ~~respective ones of the plurality of~~ said another image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by the recording device unit, with icons different from each other added thereto.

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A method of displaying image data according to claim 11, ~~wherein said assigning steps assigns comprising an image number allotting step of allotting an~~ image number for identifying image data to each of the photographed image data.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): A method of displaying image data according to claim 16, wherein when image data is received by the said communication device unit after the image number has been ~~allotted~~ assigned to the photographed image data in said ~~image number allotting~~ assigning step, ~~in said control step, provides control is provided~~ to cause said modifying step to assign ~~image number allotting step to allot~~ an image number different from the image number ~~allotted~~ assigned to the photographed image data to the received image data and then record the received image data ~~in the recording device~~ on the recording medium.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A method of displaying image data according to claim 16, wherein when a photographic operation is carried out to produce image data after the image number has been ~~allotted~~ assigned to the image data received by the said communication device unit in said ~~image number allotting~~ assigning step, ~~in said control step, control is provided to~~ cause said image number allotting step to ~~causes said modifying step to assign~~ allot an image number different from the image number ~~allotted~~ assigned to the image data recorded by the said recording device unit to the image data produced by the photographic operation and then record the photographed image data in the recording device unit.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): A method of displaying image data according to claim 16, wherein said control step ~~comprises providing~~ provides control such that a new image number

~~allotted~~ assigned to the received image data ~~in said image number allotting in said modifying~~
step is incorporated as part of a file name of the received image data and the received image
data is recorded in the said recording device unit.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Currently amended): A computer-readable control program ~~stored on a~~
~~computer-readable storage medium~~ for causing a computer to implement a method of causing
controlling an image pickup apparatus to display image data, the image pickup apparatus
including an image pickup device unit, a recording device unit that records on the recording
medium image data photographed by ~~the~~ said image pickup device unit, a display device unit
that displays the image data recorded ~~by the recording device~~ on the recording medium, a
communication device unit that is connectable to ~~a plurality of another~~ image pickup
~~apparatuses~~ apparatus, for transmitting the image data recorded on the recording medium to
said another image pickup apparatus and receiving ~~the recorded~~ image data ~~with a~~
~~predetermined unique information for identifying the image pickup apparatus which records the~~
~~recorded image data~~ from said another image pickup apparatus, the program method
comprising:

an assigning module for assigning to the image data, unique apparatus information for
identifying said image pickup apparatus and image identifying information for managing in
said image pickup apparatus the image data recorded on the recording medium,

a modifying module for modifying image identifying information added on the image
data received from said another image pickup apparatus by said communication unit and

generates modified image identifying information for managing the received image data in said image pickup apparatus; and

~~a control module for providing control to cause the display device to display~~ managing the image data recorded on the recording medium by said recording unit and the image data received from said another image pickup apparatus by the said communication device from respective ones of the plurality of image pickup apparatuses and the image data recorded by the recording device on a common window in a display screen of the display device unit according to the unique apparatus information, the image identifying information and the modified image identifying information,

~~wherein said control module comprises providing control~~ controls to cause said display device unit to display on the common window the image data recorded by said recording unit and the image data received by said communication device unit from respective ones of the plurality of said another image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by said recording device in different display configuration, respectively, according to the predetermined unique information, in a manner in such a manner that the image data received by the said communication device unit from respective ones of the plurality of the image pickup apparatuses apparatus and the image data recorded by the recording device unit can be distinguished from one another.

Claim 22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (New): A method of displaying image data according to claim 16, wherein said control step is operable when a same image number has been assigned to the received image

data and the recorded image data, to provide control to compare at least one of respective photographed times, data sizes, and image data contents of the received image data and the recorded image data.